

Nehemiah Mayo House  
Old County and Depot Roads  
Truro  
Barnstable County  
Massachusetts

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Located 1/3 mile south of Old County Road and 1/2 mile south of the intersection of Old County and Depot Roads, in Truro, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Building number 14-38 in Cape Cod National Seashore.

Owner: Charles W. Tudor,  
518 East 89th Street, New York 28, New York

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The Nehemiah Mayo House is a one and a half story Cape Cod "double house" of wood construction. The rectangular house faces south with an east ell. All facades are shingled. The landscaping is residential. The house is in excellent condition and appears to be original except for the modern east ell. There is a large opening to this ell from the main north room of the original house.

The main house is 32½' on the south by 28½' on the west. The house has red brick underpinnings with about three courses exposed. The walls are plank with exterior, wood shingles and interior plaster. The frame is post and beam. All exterior doors have red brick stoops. There is one red brick center chimney in the main house and a modern chimney in the modern east ell.

The front door is on the center of the south side. There are also modern doors on the west and north sides. The windows of the main house are 9/6 light double hung sash. The windows of the ell have modern sash. There are ~~some~~ exterior wooden blinds.

The gable roof is covered with wood shingles and has a simple box cornice.

The first floor of the main house has a south front stair and entry hall flanked on the west and east sides by a primary room. To the rear and north there is a large room which is the old kitchen. This room has to its west end several small areas; one is a powder room, another is a side entry and one has an attic stair. The east ell contains one large modern kitchen. The second floor has modern bedrooms. There is a full second floor over the modern east ell.

The main stair runs north from the south front door to the center of the second floor. The back stair runs from the west wall of the old kitchen west to the second floor. The floor is random width planking of natural finish in the main house. The ell has a random slate floor.

The walls and ceilings are plaster. The southwest, southeast and old kitchen rooms have wainscoting. All of these rooms have early nineteenth century fireplace walls, with panelling, mantels, and cupboards. The interior doors are six panel painted wood. They are equipped with iron lift latches and hinges.

The lighting is modern electric lamps. There is central heating, and there are fireplaces open in the southwest, southeast, old kitchen and modern kitchen rooms.

The house has a small tool building to the west. There is a modern asphalt drive to the west. There is a red brick retaining wall all around the north side, and a modern patio surrounds the house.

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